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38. Bengal Labour Association. (Congress)

C.187
29.9.38.

It is reported that Dr.Suresh Chandra Banarji has instructed Jagat Bose(B.L.A.,C.S.P.) to try to capture the Mymensingh, Faridpur and Jessore District Congress Committees for the B.L.A. The allowances hitherto paid to Thakur Prosad Singh(B.L.A.) and Mohammad Sakrullah Khan Azmi (B.L.A.), both of Howrah, are said to have been stopped because they are useless. Azmi is expected to join a local "white-flag" union.

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129. B. L. A.- Congress.

CLL14
6.12.38

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Dayaram Beri,
Sushil Mukherji,
Saligram Singh,
Jagat Bose,
Ananta Sarkar,
Raja Singh,
Jaga Ram Kahar,
Thakur Singh,
Phani Ghosh.

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From Inspector L. L. Hug

of ~~D. D.~~ / S. B. Calcutta, dated 26. 4. 1939.

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	Re: A.I.C.C. Session. B.P.T.U.C.	
	In Course of Conversation Robi Das of the B.L.A. said that he has been selected a delegate of the B.P.T.U.C. to represent in the forthcoming session of the A.I.C.C. to be held in Calcutta	
	Submitted. L. L. Hug 26/4.	

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225. Bengal Labour Association.

C.187
17-10-39

Dayaram Beri (E.C.,B.L.A), Bolai Das Mahapatra (B.L.A.) and some other members of the B.L.A. are reported to have been displeased with Dr.Suresh Chandra Banarjee (E.C.,B.L.A.) for his voting in favour of the Rightist group regarding the main A.I.C.C.resolution on the war issue in the last congress meeting at Wardha. Dr.Banarjee has, however, satisfied the B.L.A.men with his explanation that nobody approached him to support any amendment to the resolution. Subodh Mukharji (E.C.,B.L.A.) has joined Jagat Bose's (E.C.) group in the B.L.A. and has been deputed to work in Budge Budge, 24-Parganas along with Bankim Chakravartti (E.C.,B.L.A.).

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278. Bengal Labour Association.

C.L.L.14
25-10-39

About 46 members of the above Association held a meeting on 25-10-39. Discussing on the present war situation, Dr.Suresh Banarjee (B.L.A.) said that the workers should resort to a general strike and thereby paralyse the British Government in order to establish "Mazdur Raj" in India. Accordingly Dr. Banarjee stressed the necessity of forming a War Committee and raising a War fund. The workers were asked to follow the policy of the Indian National Congress and were urged to undergo any kind of sacrifice to reach their goal. Dr.Banarjee informed the audience that the proceedings of the War Committee would be held in a very secret place and that he required the assistance of some 50 men to secretly watch the movements of the members of the said committee.

*Speakers.
Dr.Suresh Banarji (B.L.A.)
Deben Sen (B.L.A.)
Abdul Aziz.
(Pheriwala Samity).

Abdul Aziz on behalf of the Pheriwala samity said that the War Committee should at least consist of 100 members each of whom must bring 10 members with the result that they would have 1000 men to follow them.

It is said that Bolai Lal Mahapatra has asked the workers to be in readiness to offer Satyagraha as there is every chance of a country wide agitation just after the contemplated resignation of the Congress ministers.

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5. B.L.A.

C.187
30-10-39

In continuation of October D.N.para. 301 it is reported that it has been decided to appoint a sub-comittee of 5 to supervise the activities of the Committee as also for the collection of funds from the workers. It is said that Jagat Bose, (E.C.) is expanding his personal group in the B.L.A. and has enlisted Madan Roy (B.D) and Ananta Pal. These men have started a laundry and grocery at 34, Keshab Sen Street. Bolai Mahapatra (B.L.A.) has started a charitable dispensary at 216 Behari Lal Shah Road, Tollygunge, with a view to organize a labour centre in that locality on behalf of the B.L.A.

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60. B.L.A. Congress

C.L.L.14.
4.11.39.

In continuation of October D.N.para. 301, it is reported that the B.L.A. members should continually change their addresses to escape arrest in the event of their B.L.A. deciding to offer satyagraha over the issue of the Viceroy's declaration and after the resignation of the Congress Ministries. It is said that up to time 32 members, whose names have been kept a close secret, have enrolled in the War Committee (c.f. October D.N. para. 278.)

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18. B.L.A. (Contd)

C.187.
31.12.39.
C.L.L.14.
1.1.40.

It is reported that the B.L.A. Office has since reverted to 170, Harrison Road (*c.f.* December para. 328). At a private meeting * held at 170, Harrison Road on 31.12.39, discussion centred on the duties of the B.L.A. on the occasion of "Independence Day". Dr. Suresh Ch: Banarjee held that if the Congress Working Committee ordered public demonstrations, they would violate the war Ordinance and court imprisonment if necessary. An objection by Dayaram Beri (B.L.A.) that they should preferably obey the injunctions of the B.P.C.C., was ruled out by Dr. Banarjee. In the event of a mass meeting on 26.1.30, Deben Sen and Mewalal Negam have given their assurance to rally 2000 and 1000 labourers, respectively. Some fruit sellers who were present at the meeting have also agreed to join the celebrations. An objection was also raised against the inclusion of the Khaddar and Spinning clauses in the new pledge. Dr. Suresh Banarji is of opinion that Gandhi is waiting for the European war to involve more nations before launching his struggle in India. Dr. Suresh Banarji is expected to leave for Bombay soon. He will return by 12.1.40. Dayaram Beri, Bolai Mahapatra and other junior leaders of the B.L.A. are annoyed with Dr. Suresh Banarjee and Deben Sen, for their preference to Gandhi against Subhas Bose.

*Dr.Suresh Banarjee(E.C.)
Deben Sen
Dayaram Beri (E.C.)
Bolai Mahapatra
Amulya Sen (E.C.)
Madan Ray Chaudhury
Upen Sanyal
Ratanman Singh
Pronoy Ghose,
Thakur Pd.Singh (E.C.)
Kebal Patra (E.C.),
(all of B.L.A.)
and others.

37. Calcutta Electric Supply Workers.

C.L.L.3. 2-1-40

It is reported that there was some unrest among the workers of the Cossipore Power House on 2-1-40, consequent to the dismissal of one Nalyan son of Haripada Mistry, after 4 years service. About 10/15 workers, headed by Bhattu Sirdar of the "red" union, took up the point and tried to organize a strike, but learning that the dismissed worker was a member of the rival "white" union, they abandoned the idea, and normal work was immediately resumed. In connection with the opening ceremony of the new power station at Mulajore, 24-Parganas (c.f.December para.287) to be performed by His Excellency the Governor of Bengal, Dr.Suresh Banarji

C.L.L.9 2-1-40

M.L.A.(B.L.A.) who has received an invitation, has stated that he will not attend, as the Congress has made it incumbent on members to refrain from attending any function patronised by officials.

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88. B.L.A. Congr

C.187.
5.1.40.

It is reported that Dayaram Beri (E.C.) along with his nephew Krishna Chandra Beri will go to Burma, in the near future, ostensibly in connection with his business, but really to dabble in politics in the labour field. Dayaram has approached Sudhin Pramanick (Royist) for particulars of labour organization there as well as letters of introduction. Dayaram Beri and Bolai Mahapatra (B.L.A.) are thinking of leaving the B.L.A. as they do not approve of the pro-Congress tendencies of Dr. Suresh Banarjee and Deben Sen. It is said that Deben Sen will join the C.P.I. The leaders of the B.L.A. having stopped the allowance of Rs.5/-, Jugal Ghose (B.L.A.) is inclining towards the C.P.I., the leaders of which are utilising his services in Belliaghata side.

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198. B.L.A.

G.L.L.14
14-1-40

At a meeting attended by about 50 persons, held at 170, Harrison Road on 14-1-40, with Dr.Suresh Banerji in the chair, it was decided that all unions affiliated to the B.L.A. and members of the general public be approached to observe Independence Day by displaying National flags from their houses. A rally will also be held at Satanarayan (Nehru) Park. It was further decided that the B.L.A.would follow the A.I.C.C. and not the B.P.C.C. The question of the Independence pledge has been held in abeyance pending the decision of the Working Committee.

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C.L.L.9
15.1. 40

221. B.L.A., - Congress.

At the meeting referred to in para 198, it was also decided, provisionally, that on 26.1.'40, the B.L.A., would organise labour processions from different bustees terminating at the Md. Ali Park, where a meeting would be held. The Sramik Mandal and Chata Karkhana Mazdur Union have been asked to supply 500 volunteers each, for the Independence Day demonstrations. Dr. Suresh Banarjee explained to some of those who objected to the "Charka" and "Khadi" clauses, that the same had deliberately been included in the new Independence pledge by Gandhi, as a test to guage public faith in his leadership, and asked the B.L.A., members to abide by Gandhis' mandates. Dr. Banarjee has expressed his intention of attending the Working Committee meeting at Wardha on 19.1.40, and whatever decisions are arrived at will be communicated to Deben Sen (B.L.A.). A party meeting has been arranged for 22.1.40 for arriving at a final decision as to action to be taken on the 26th.

the attitude of the party towards the Congress. Dr. Suresh Banarjee reiterated his faith in the Working Committee and upheld the formation of the "Ad hoc" Committee. Bolai Mohapatra (B.L.A.) leading the opposition said that though willing to accept the views of the majority, he regarded the Working Committee as trying to encroach on the civil liberties of Congressmen in Bengal. To remedy the disagreement in the party, over this question, Dr. Suresh Banarjee has agreed that should a movement be launched in Bengal, they would support it, but for the present would co-operate with the "Ad hoc" Committee.

It is said that the leaders of the B.L.A., are co-operating with the groups of Kiran Sankar Roy and Dr. Prafulla Ghose, with a view to securing more than their allotted number of seats in the ensuing Congress elections. In view of the existing differences in the B.L.A. Dr. Suresh Banarjee (E.C., B.L.A.,) left for Faridpore on 16. 1. 40 to try and consolidate his position in Congress circles.

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18. 1. 40

At a meeting* of leaders and Trade Union representatives of the Association held at 170, Harrison Road in 14.1.40, Dr. Suresh Banerjee and Deben Sen (both of the B.L.A. supported the attitude of the Working Committee towards the B.P.C.C. and the formation of the "Ad hoc" Committee, and deprecated the activities of Subhas Bose and the "Forward Bloc". Dayaram Beri (B.L.A.), Bolai Mahapatra (B.L.A.) and the representatives of the Cossipore Jute workers and Sramik Mandal, expressed their support to the B.P.C.C. and Subhas Bose's party. At two camera meetings held on 15.1.40 and 16-1-40, to determine

*Dr. Suresh Banerjee (E.C.),
Deben Sen,
Bolai Mahapatra,
Dayaram Beri (E.C.),
Robi Das,
Jagat Bose (E.C.),
Amulya Sen (E.C.),
Mewalal Negam,
Ratanman Singh,
Sufaida,
(all of B.L.A.)

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27.1.40.

369. B.L.A.

It is reported that Jagat Bose (E.C.) has formed secret cadres in the Kadapara Jute area to educate the conscious Hindu and Moslem labourers. According to him, the celebration of "Independence Day" by the B.L.A., at Mohammad Ali Park, under the chairmanship of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, a Congress right-wing leader, has evoked adverse comment from the junior leaders of the B.L.A. They take it as clear proof of Dr.Suresh Banarjee's pro-rightist sympathies.

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51. B.L.A. Congress

C.187.
2. 2. 40.

Present:-
Dr.Suresh Banarjee (E.C.),
Deben Sen,
Upen Sanyal,
Rabi Das,
Deo Saran,
Safaida,
and others,
(all of the B.L.A.).

At an informal discussion at the B.L.A.office on 1.2.40, Dr. Suresh Banarjee (E.C.,B.L.A.) explained the value and necessity of a compromise between Subhas Bose and the Congress right-wing, and said that this was rendered almost impossible by the Anushilan and B.L.P. members of the Forward Bloc, who were influencing Subhas to cause a split between the Bengal Congress and the A.I.C.C. He further said that it was evident Subhas was following this line, by his latest declaration of opposing the Ad Hoc committee in the ensuing elections, and of boycotting the Ramgarh Session of the Congress. Safaida, Deosaran and other labourers are said to favour Subhas Bose's proposal of an immediate struggle for independence. Conscious of the present disagreement between Subhas Bose and M.N.Roy over Congress affairs, Dr. Suresh Banarjee is trying to gain the support of the Royists. He has also approached Sudhin Pramanick (Royist) with a view to a compromise between the two groups over labour matters in Budge Budge area.

civil liberties, Release of political prisoners, war bonus etc. with effectfrom 11-2-40. Although the ultimatum expired on 8-2-40 the B.P.C.C. have decided to convene a council meeting on 14-2-40 to discuss it. The ultimatum, it is said, also stated that the C.S.P. and C.P.I. would support a fight against imperialism but not any directed against the Congress High Command. Dr.Suresh Banerji will not allow the B.L.A. to associate itself against the Ad Hoc Committee ofwhich he himself is a member. The B.P.S.F. convened a meeting on 6-2-40. They re-affirmed their intention to support the B.P.C.C's move to launch an agitation on the issue of Civil liberties but decided not to participate officially in the demonstrations on the 'Protest Day' as it was a fight directed against the Congress High Command. The League of Radical Congressmen will not join in the day's demonstrations. Of the district Congress Committees in Calcutta all except the Burra Bazar Committee have officially supported the B.P.C.C.

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130. Protest Day (11-2-40.

C.116
7-2-40

Rajendra Deb, Asrafuddin Chowdhury and others of the B.P.C.C. who sponsor the observance of the 'Protest Day' are much concerned at the little enthusiasm it has aroused particularly amongst leftist groups. They feel that if Government exercise the Ordinances on the meetings and demonstrations to be held on that day it will mark the beginning of a national struggle of the Bengal Congress. They are, therefore, anxious that the demonstrations on that day should be well-attended. The C.P.I. andthe C.S.P. have definitely decided not to support the B.P.C.C's fight against the Ad Hoc Committee. The Bengal C.P.I. will remain neutral, neither supporting the Ad Hoc Committee nor opposing it.

C.103
9-2-40

The C.S.P. will adopt a non-committal attitude. Leaders of these two parties have given an ultimatum to the Council of Action of the B.P.C.C. demanding the immediate launching of an agitation on the issue of

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10.2.40

Hari Kumar Chakrabutty, in consultation with M. N. Roy, has suggested to Sarat Bose that all resolutions adopted by the B.P.C.C. be expunged and the former B.P.C.C. be allowed to function. This view is shared by the B.L.A.

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10. 2. 40

Anil K. Chanda, of Santiniketan, has written to Sarat Bose, suggesting that he (Sarat) postpone his proposed visit to Santiniketan as Mahatma Gandhi will be there at the time and it would not be advisable to distract the Mahatma with political discussions. He however, assures Sarat that everything possible will be done to bring about an honourable settlement.

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	Intercepted a letter this afternoon in English S 8.2.40. from Surendra N. Gupta, The United Press of India Ltd. Calcutta. To:- Rabindra Mohan Das, Bengal labour association, 170, Harrison rd. Cal.	
	Copies of the letter	
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Cuttack, *Dated the* ~~29th Feb. '40.~~ *193*

My dear Rai Bahadur,

Please refer to your letter No.2569/301-39 .Int. Dt. 24th February,1940.

Surendra referred to therein is identical with Surendra Nath Dwivedi No.18 of our July Supplement of 1939.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- F.H.C.Raynor.

Rai P.K.Biswas Bahadur,
SsP. III I.B., Bengal,
Calcutta.

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(E.C.), a follower of Jagat Bose.

** Jagat Bose, (E.C.),
Sudhir Dey (C.P.I.),
Abul Hariz (C.P.I.),
Benoy Bagchi (E.D.),
Amulya Sen,
Upen Sanyal (B.L.A., Secy. Oriental Gas Workers Union)
and others.

At a secret meeting of Jagat Bose's adherents** held at 82, Narkeldanga North Road, on 1.4.40, Jagat Bose denounced the pro-Gandhi mentality of Dr. Suresh Banarjee and said that on account of his objection to the policy of Dr. Banarjee he had decided to secede from the B.L.A. He has further decided temporarily to withdraw from open activities and carry on secret propaganda, communist and revolutionary, among the labourers. His group which will function as a separate unit, will follow the C.P.I. ideology. A secret Committee * has been formed to carry on bustee propaganda. Upen Sanyal (B.L.A.) has been taken on this committee, on the understanding that he sever connections with the B.L.A. when required.

* Jagat Bose,
Amulya Sen,
Benoy Bagchi (E.D.),
Sudhir De (C.P.I.),
Abul Hariz (C.P.I.),
Upen Sanyal (B.L.A.).

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3.4.40.

74. B.L.A.

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B.L.A. Congress

The marginally noted indivuduals said farewell to Bolai Das Mahapatra (B.L.A.) at 170, Harrison Road on 30.3.40, before he left Calcutta after being released, In accordance with the party's avowed policy, Bolai will probably violate the orders, when his health improves. A split has occurred between Dr. Suresh Banarjee, M.L.A. (E.C.) and Jagat Bose (E.C.) and his followers in the B.L.A. Dr. Suresh Banarjee favours Gandhi's policy of courting imprisonment and violating all restrictive orders, while Jagat Bose is of opinion that this policy will not help the revolutionary movement. This disagreement has arisen over the externment from Calcutta of Bolai Bose

* Present :-
Dr. Suresh Banarjee (E.C.),
Upen Sanyal,
Ananta Sarkar,
Thakur Prasad Singh (E.C.).,
and others.

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188. B.L.A. - Congress.

C.187.
23.7.40.

A Satyagraha Committee has been formed at Burrabaz under the patronage and with the financial support of Dr.Suresh Banerjee (B.L.A.,E.C.) and managed by Hiralal Lohia (father of Dr.Ram Monohar Lohia of the A.I.C.C.). About 20 up-countrymen have been enrolled as volunteers, and will be provided with white khaddar uniform (half shirt and short).

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SUPPLEMENT to S.B. DAILY NOTES dated 24/7/42.

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160. Bengal Labour Association - Congress.

C.213.
22.7.42.

In continuation of para 131: Nabajyoti Barman has decided now to join the party of Dr. Suresh Chandra Banarji (E.C. Externee), negotiations having been effected through Upen Sanyal, a common contact. Barman is utlising both Upen Sanyal and Bepin Chakrbarti for the purpose of organisation with the object of creating a field for himself amongst the electric, gas and railway labourers.

At the request of Dr. Suresh Chandra Banarji, Dr. Prafulla Ghosh (Congress Khadi Group) has asked Nabajyoti Barman to take charge of the Bengal Labour Association in Dr. Banarji's absence and especially of the organisational work amongst the electric workers to counteract the activities of the Communists. It is reported that the Congress has already spent a lot of money through Dr. Banarji for organising the railway and electric workers.

According to Nabajyoti Barman, Dr. Prafulla Ghosh said that the New Civil Disobedience Movement of Gandhi is likely to comprise (i) street corner meetings to offer prayers so that good sense may prevail upon the British to withdraw from India, (ii) campaign of whispering to individual British soldiers regarding the present situation in India, her demand for independence and a request to leave the country, (iii) whispering to individual Indian soldiers to do duty to their motherland, (iv) creating deadlock in labour including Railways, Electric Power Stations and dockyards in particular, and (v) raising of volunteers from amongst the labourers.

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According to Dr. Pravat Kumar Roy alias Ninu, Dr. Suresh Chandra Banarji (Externee) has instructed him to procure secret shelters in the labour areas in Cossipore, Belgatchia, Seealdah, Matiabruz and Budge Budge for the externed and restricted leaders who will abscond and conceal themselves as soon as Gandhi's movement is launched./Banarji wants to engineer labour strikes through his henchmen as a part of the movement, and believes that the labourers cannot be induced to join without the assistance of the externed leaders like Deben Sen, Phani Ghosh and Bolai Mahapatra having influence over them. Hafiz Ameer Ali (BLA) is being utilized for the purpose of picking out selected Muslim labourers in Matiabruz to help to spread the said movement amongst the local Muslim labourers. Pravat added that the Budge Budge labourers under the association's influence were already educated politically by Surjya Kumar Kundu so as to give a spontaneous support to the Congress movement. As informed by Dr. Prafulla Ghosh and Annada Chaudhury, Gandhi is determined to launch the movement independently even if the A.I.C.C. does not ratify the Working Committee resolution.

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